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WELCOME TRISH ROBERTS

Nassau TRACT would like to introduce our new Director of Staff Development, Trish Roberts. Trish has been a special education teacher in the Garden City School District since 1999. She currently serves as an elementary resource room teacher, and has taught special education at all levels during the past eighteen years in both public and non-public schools. Trish is a member of the New York State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching. She serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Regents and the Commissioner of Education on mentoring, certification requirements, teaching standards and professional development issues. Trish is an instructional leader and serves on her district's Positive Strategies, Crisis and Instructional Support teams. She served on a Middle States Association Evaluation Committee in 2002, and participated in the New York State Alternate Assessment Pilot program in 2000. Trish is an adjunct professor at Molloy College and at Mercy College's preparation program for New York City Teaching Fellows. She served on a local school board for nine years, and is a member of the Special Education Parent Teacher Association in Garden City.

WRITE A MINI-GRANT!!

What Are Some Suggested Categories for Mini-Grants?

1. Program and/or Curriculum Enhancement or Remediation
Programs may be developed for specific classroom, grade level or school projects. This may include content areas, the humanities, or improvement of student achievement. Speakers/consultants may be a part of such a proposal.
2. The Development of Unique Resource Material
This includes teacher-made materials designed for specific projects, lessons, or units of study.
3. Teaching and/or Learning Process
Research or the exploration of the teaching or learning process as it applies to your students and/or your role as a teacher. This category includes mentoring in a particular content area.
4. Collaboration - This includes business, industry, and other educational or cultural institutions.
5. Special projects may be developed in cooperation with other educational or cultural institutions, business or industry. Both the purpose and collaborative effort of the alliance should be clearly defined in the proposal.
6. Materials - This category may be used to purchase materials that will enrich the curriculum and/or motivate students. Specifics as to their incorporation must be clearly defined in the proposal.
7. **NEW SUPERSIZE MINI-GRANT** – These are to be used for multi-class, grade level, school, or district-wide collaborative projects.
8. Visit our website to view previous years' winners in the January 2006 and December 2006 newsletters.

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When writing your Mini-Grant

- Do not request funding for food or parties.
- Grants are for classroom teachers/guidance counselors.
- Any approvals required by individual districts--i.e. for equipment changes to the classroom--must be submitted along with the grant application.
- Submit an itemized budget of equipment and supplies.
- Do not use prices from newspapers and magazines.
- Do use the New York State Contract List - www.ogs.state.ny.us/purchase
- Do email les@nassautract.org with questions and requests for locating approved vendors.
- Do put each section of the grant on a separate page.
- Do mark each page with a page number.
- Do include a cover sheet dated and signed.
- Do ask questions.
- Do not include any reference to your school or district.

Mini-Grant Format

- Page 1 - Submit a one page abstract that includes goals and objectives, number and types of students involved, and a description of the project. (marked page 1)
 - Page 2 - Submit a timeline by month. (marked page 2)
 - Page 3 - Submit an itemized budget. (marked page 3)
 - Page 4 - Submit a plan for the evaluation of project. (marked page 4)
- When writing your proposal please omit the name and any specific reference identifying your school district.

Mini-Grants must include the following information on the cover sheet:

- Title of the Project
- Print your name
- Home Address
- School District
- School
- Home Phone and School Phone
- Amount of Funding requested
- Signature and date

Mini-Grant forms are available at www.nassautract.org

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All rested after a great summer? Took a course and are now inspired? Talked with colleagues and are ready for a collaborative effort? Looking for funding for all these new ideas? Write a mini-grant. We are introducing several super-sized mini-grants of \$2500 each. These can be used for multiple class or grade level projects. All the information you need can be found in this newsletter and at our website at www.nassautract.org. Deadline for mini-grants is October 31, 2007. Software and conference grants are rolling acceptance or until the funding is complete. Please read all the information and start to formulate ideas, or call a colleague and partner up for a unique project. Use our funds to do the unit that you have always wanted to do. Mini-Grant awards will be payable to the winner's district to be designated for the winner's projects.

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**Save These Dates
 November 14, 2007
 Social, Emotional Learning Conference
 Keynote Speaker:
 Jonathan Cohen**

**December 11, 2007
 Learning Standards Conference
 Keynote Speaker:
 Giselle Martin-Kniep**

**January 17, 2008
 Technology Conference
 Keynote Speaker:
 Alan November**

**February 6, 2008
 Mentoring Conference
 Annette Breaux**

**March 2008
 Parent University**

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